

REMARKS

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2007 for the application captioned above. Applicant would like to thank Examiner Tran for the interview of April 10, 2007. An Interview Summary is enclosed with this response. By this amendment, claims 1, 7, 8, 17, 21 and 23 are amended, claim 114 is added and claims 18, 19, 30-41, 91, 101, 103 and 104-105 are cancelled without prejudice and may be pursued in a continuation application. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 6-14, 17, 21-29, 76-79, 81, 87-90, 98-100, 102 and 106-114 are pending, claims 15, 16 and 52-56 having been withdrawn and claims 3-5, 18-20, 30-51, 57-75, 80, 82-86, 91-97, 101 and 103-105 having been cancelled. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Tran for extending her the courtesy of a personal interview on April 10, 2007, to discuss this application. A Statement of Substance of Interview is being submitted with this Amendment.

Claims 1-2, 6, 10, 12, 17-19, 22, 25, 27, 89, 90, 98-107 and 109-113 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,681,100 to Powell in view of U.S. Pat No. 947,640 to Jefferson. Independence claims 1 and 17 have been amended to remove functional language "configured to" and positively recite structural components. Applicant believes the amendments render the rejection moot and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Claims 2, 6, 10, 12, 17-19, 22, 25, 27, 89, 90, 98-107 and 109-113 are dependent on claims 1 or 17 and, thus, are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons. The remaining rejections of these dependent claims are not explicitly dealt with since they are believed to be moot in view of the amendments made to independent claims 1 and 17.

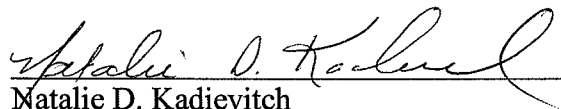
Claims 30-32, 34-41, 78 and 91 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of Ferenzi and Mech. Claim 78 is dependent from claim 17. For the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 17, the applicant believes claim 78 is allowable. Claims 30-32, 34-41 and 91 have been cancelled. Claim 78 is dependent on

independent claim 17 and is thus believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons given with reference to claim 17.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in the event there are any questions concerning the election or if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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